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noblest of sciences comes from a land to which we are so closely related and to whose judgment we attach such importance."

R. G. A.

#### THE CROSSLEY REFLECTOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF EROS.

The measurement and reduction of the Crossley reflector photographs of the minor planet *Eros* taken in 1900-1901 for determining an improved value of the solar parallax, began at Mt. Hamilton in December, 1905, in charge of Dr. PERRINE, Miss FREDRICA CHASE, formerly of Vassar College, and Miss A. M. HOBE, formerly of the Berkeley Astronomical Department, are engaged in the work on the Carnegie Institution foundation. Its completion is expected to require two and one half years. It is planned that these photographs shall furnish their own value of the parallax; nevertheless it is hoped that the measures will be available and valuable for combination with observations made at other institutions.

W. W. CAMPBELL.

#### THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR LANGLEY.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Professor SAMUEL PIERPONT LANGLEY on February 27th, at the age of seventy-one. Professor LANGLEY became Director of the Allegheny Observatory in 1867 and Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in 1887. His interests in scientific subjects were wide, and his contributions to all subjects receiving his special attention were of the highest importance. At a memorial meeting of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution recently the following resolutions were adopted:—

"Resolved, That the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution express their profound sorrow at the death, on February 27, 1906, of SAMUEL PIERPONT LANGLEY, Secretary of the Institution since 1887, and tender to the relatives of Mr. LANGLEY their sincere sympathy in their bereavement;

"That in the death of Mr. LANGLEY this Institution has lost a distinguished, efficient, and faithful executive officer under whose administration the international influence of the parent Institution has been greatly increased, and by whose personal efforts two important branches of work have been added to its care—the National Zoological Park and the Astrophysical Observatory;

"That the scientific world is indebted to Mr. LANGLEY for the